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Dear Dr. Hashim:

First of all, I would like to thank you for the generous continued support of the Council for Tobacco Research for the various scientific meetings that I have been fortunate enough to organize for the past few years. In particular, we very much appreciate the support of the recent NATO Advance Study Institute on Angiogenesis.

This meeting was very successful scientifically and was attended to full capacity by over 100 scientists, particularly, young scientists from NATO countries and also from countries outside NATO such as Brazil, Poland, Bulgaria, etc. The proceedings of this meeting are being edited right now and the contribution of the Council of Tobacco Research will be visibly acknowledged.

I am writing you today for two reasons:

- 1) As in previous years, I will organize an Endothelial Cell Heterogeneity and Organ Specificity Symposium in conjunction with the American Society of Cell Biology (ASCB) annual meeting in New Orleans in December 1993. I would very much appreciate if we could count on your continued generous support. As I pointed out in the past, the financial constraints have increased also for the Society so that there is the moral endorsement, yet no more financial support for these symposia. More over, in recent years, the organizer has been charged also to pay for the room, for the audio visuals, etc.
- 2) I have, through colleagues, obtained information that the Council for Tobacco Research is funding basic research programs relevant to its goals. As you know, my laboratory is involved cardiovascular biology research and I would like to request some guidelines and application forms for submitting a research proposal to your council.

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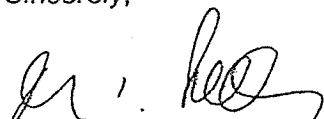
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At present, there are two projects ongoing in my laboratory which would possibly be of interest to the Council of Tobacco Research: One is an in vitro model of mimicking hypertension and related pathological states by culturing vascular/endothelial cells and smooth muscle cells under static and elevated hydrostatic pressure; the second project relates to the effect of mechanical strain and mechanical forces on promoting angiogenesis, which is related to the issue of exercise - induced neovascularization in muscle and/or heart.

I would be happy to discuss these projects with you. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. Again, thank you for your continued support of our research activities. I am looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



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